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Congressman Rodney Alexander

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ALEXANDER, GUTIERREZ TO TOUR NORTH LOUISIANA PORT PROJECT

GUTIERREZ TO ADDRESS BUSINESS LEADERS AT CIVIC CENTER

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, and U.S. Sec. of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez, will tour the Monroe/West Monroe Port project beginning at 10:15 a.m., Friday, Dec. 9th.

Gutierrez will then speak to the Monroe and West Monroe Chambers of Commerce beginning at noon, at the Monroe Civic Center Conference Hall.

All media officials interested in interviews must contact Adam Terry, Alexander's press secretary, or Ginny Justice, Gutierrez's press secretary at 202-482-4883 or e-mail at gjustice@doc.gov. Media availability will be from 11:20 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.

Media must contact either Terry or Justice by noon, Thursday, Dec. 8th. All media officials are invited to hear Gutierrez's speech at the Monroe Civic Center Conference Hall.

"I applaud the leadership shown by Rep. Rodney Alexander for voting to support President Bush's trade agenda in our hemisphere," Gutierrez said. "Rep. Alexander made a courageous decision that is in the best interest of his constituents and Louisianans. CAFTA will remove tariffs on Louisiana's products exported into Central America and it will create new markets and jobs for Louisiana businesses."

Alexander added he is pleased that Gutierrez will see a project that has the potential to have a tremendous impact on north Louisiana. Alexander recently secured close to \$1 million for the port project in the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

"Sec. Gutierrez's visit means so much to north Louisiana," Alexander said. "My goal is to show him that this Monroe/West Monroe Port project can truly benefit Louisiana's economy and help link our state to the rest of the world."

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